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to the Republic of Texas, which was then included in the Mississippi Conference. After spending a short time in Texas, he attended the session of our Conference held in Grenada, Miss., December 5th, 1838. Such was then the vast extent of our Conference territory, and the limited supply of preachers, that it was difficult to fill some of our most important charges. In consequence of this, brother Campbell was withdrawn from Texas, and appointed two successive years to New Orleans. During his stay in New Orleans, he was married to Miss Sybil Ruter, the accomplished daughter of that highly gifted man and minister, and first Missionary to Texas, Rev. Martin Ruter, D. D. From his first coming to our Conference, in December, 1838, his connection with us was unbroken, until his death. Of the twenty-eight years of his itineracy, he labored eight years on circuits, two on stations, sixteen on districts, one as agent for Centenary College, and the last year of his life, he was on the superannuated list. He was elected a member of the Louisville Convention, and was a member of every subsequent General Conference held previous to his death. His early educational advantages were very limited, but after he entered the ministry, he was a diligent and successful student to the close of life, and became intellectually and theologically, a man of great strength, and may be held up as an example of encouragement to all others similarly situated.

Brother Campbell was scrupulously honest in his investigations and conclusions about every subject that passed in review before his mind, and was bold and independent in the expression of his settled convictions. He was constitutionally ardent and impulsive in his temperament, and sometimes, for a moment, he would yield to his impassioned nature, and give utterance to extreme opinions, but if ever he learned that he had incautiously wounded the feelings of any one, he became the most afflicted of the two, and embraced the earliest opportunity for explanation and reparation. After becoming the head of a family, he was often teased with the temptation that some member of his household might sicken and die during his long absence from home. This led him to seek that entire consecration to God which would enable him to commit his family fully into His hands when far away from them, and, to use his own expressive language, he said, "I asked God to sanctify me wholly, and he did it, and since that time, I have had but little anxiety about sickness and death in my family when away from home doing my Master's work" Brother Campbell was not what we usually term a revivalist, yet he entered fully into the revival spirit, and in conducting his protracted and camp-meetings, he was judicious in selecting such ministers for the pulpit as were most successful in conducting revival exercises. As an administrative officer, he was quite above mediocrity, and the preachers of his district had the utmost confidence in his sense of justice to them, as well as the interests of the church His health had been precarious for years, and he was subject to violent attacks of illness. At our last Conference, he reluctantly consented to be placed on the superannuated list. In the spring he traveled Northward in quest of health, and was so improved that he returned flattered with the idea that he was fully restored. He felt a burning anxiety to engage once more in his appropriate work, and finding the Fayette district had been vacated by the death of its Presiding Elder, Rev B. M. Drake, he expressed a willingness to be employed in that charge, which met the approval of Bishop Kavanaugh, and he accordingly entered upon its duties. But he was mistaken as to the permanent restoration of his health. As soon as he commenced the active duties of the ministry again, he began to decline, and after attending four quarterly meetings, in an attempt to reach his home in Jackson, Louisiana, he was violently attacked on board the boat, so that when he got to Bayou Sara, he seemed to be unconscious, and after lingering from Tuesday until Friday night, September 21st, he was permitted to enter into the rest of the redeemed from earth. In his death we have been deprived of one of our best counsellors and most influential ministers, and we mourn our loss as for a brother dead, but we know where we may find him again.

J. G. JONES.

MEMOIR OF REV. GEORGE C. LIGHT.—Rev. George C. Light was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, February 28, 1785. In his seventh year his father moved to Mason county, Kentucky, and settled where the town of Maysville now is, and remained there until January, 1799, when he removed to Clairmount county, Ohio. While in Maysville he enjoyed the advantages of a common school. In Ohio he assisted his father in the cultivation of his farm; and although of a gay disposition, fond of amusement and lively society, was what may be termed a moral youth. When in his seventeenth year, his sister joined the then persecuted Methodists, and when in his 18th year, his father joined them.

In 1804, Mr. Burke, P. E., Wm. Patterson, and Philip Gatch, held a protracted meeting in his father's neighborhood, which was attended by the family. Young George was observed to be deeply affected, and to retire to the woods alone, for some days, after early sunrise. He finally presented himself at the altar for prayer. He soon found pardon by faith in Christ, and arose rejoicing. He soon began to exercise in prayer and class meetings, and to pray alternately in his father's family. During the same year Mr. Burke took him to a quarterly meeting when he called upon him to exhort, then to take a text and preach. Many conversions were the result of this meeting. Mr. Burke then gave him a letter of introduction to Jacob Young, P. E , who gave him work on Marietta circuit, where he labored with usefulness and great acceptibility. In 1805, he was employed on the Nollachucky circuit, in Tennessee. He was admitted on trial in the Western Conference in 1806, and appointed to Clinch circuit and returned for the year 1807. In 1808 he was on New River circuit. During that year he became acquainted with Ann T. Campbell, to whom he was married on the 3d of July. At the end of that Conference year, he located and removed to Ohio, where he remained till 1822, laboring on the farm, teaching school, acting as surveyor, serving as a representative in the Legislature, and filling other offices of trust and honor—but never forgetting the obligations of the Christian ministry. He was ordained Elder by Bishop McKindur in 1815, at Lebanon, Ohio. In 1822, he was re-admitted into the traveling connection in the Kentucky Conference, and appointed to Limestone circuit; in 1823 and 1824, stationed in Lexington; in 1825, Conference Missionary; in 1826 and 1827, Louisville; in 1828, Shelbyville and Brick Chapel; 1829 and 1830, Frankfort station; 1831, Lexington station; 1832 and 1833, agent for the American Colonization Society; 1834, Maysville station; at the end of that year, transferred to the Missouri Conference, and in 1835, appointed to the Palmyra circuit; 1836, reappointed to Palmyra circuit; 1837, Presiding Elder of ——— district; 1838, Hannibal circuit; 1839, stationed in St. Louis; 1840, left without an appointment at his own request, with a view of winding up unsettled business in Ohio and Kentucky; 1841, acted as agent for the Colonization Society; in the autumn of that year, was transferred to the Kentucky Conference, and was stationed in Covington in 1842 and 1843; 1844, Maysville. He was transferred again to Missouri Conference, and in 1845, was stationed in Boonville; in 1846, Palmyra district; 1847, Hydesburg circuit; 1848 and 1849, Hannibal station. In the autumn of 1849, he took a superannuated relation, and came to Mississippi, hoping to find the climate such as to benefit himself, and relieve him of rheumatism. He was employed to fill Woodville station in 1850. At the close of that year he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, and filled Woodville station in 1851; 1852 and 1853, Vicksburg station; 1854, Canton and Pearl River; 1855, Canton station; 1856 and 1857, Sharon circuit; 1858 and 1859, Lexington and Richland. At the Conference in November, 1859, he was granted a superannuated relation. On the 4th Sabbath in February, 1860, he preached in Canton, from Isa., 3d chapter, 10, 11 verses. The following day, February 27th, he went to Vicksburg in company with Dr. W. F. Camp. In conversation on the way, he was cheerful and interesting, and gave expositions of the passages of Scripture, viz: "Harken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness," etc., Isa. ch. 51, 1st v.; "I have seen an end of all perfections, but thy commandment is exceeding broad," Ps. 119, v. 96; "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart:" 1

Chron. 28 ch., 9 v. He then remarked "that if he lived to see the next day he would be seventy-five years of age, and so far as he was concerned, if the world were put up at auction, he would not be a high bidder." He slept quietly that night. After dressing the next morning, he requested brother Camp to read the first chapter of Col., upon which he commented for an hour. After prayer, he asked the same brother to read the fifth chapter of second Corinthians, and commented upon it for some time. He spent most of the day in visiting and conversing with old friends. He reached Rev. C. K. Marshall's about 4 o'clock, P. M., and remarked, "I am almost dead." He was assisted in, and after being seated and taking a stir about, felt somewhat revived, and commenced conversation with Bro. M., in his usual cheerful manner; but in a few moments his head fell back on the chair, and without a groan or s ruggle, his spirit passed away to God.

Brother Light was an able, energetic, useful, and successful minister of the New Testament. Many were the seals to his ministry: great was his usefulness in the Church of Jesus Christ. But he has passed from us to the better company, the church triumphant. Most of his family had gone before him. His aged widow still lingers behind, looking forward to a re-union in heaven. Two children, one a member of the Texas Conference, remain also. O that his mantle of power and usefulness may fall on some of us!

MEMOIR OF REV. THOMAS C. THORNTON, D. D.—Rev. Thomas C. Thornton, D. D., was the son of Dr. Thomas Thornton, and was born in Dumfries, Prince William county, Va., October 12, 1794. His grand-father, Thomas Thornton, acted as Surgeon in the British Navy for several years, but afterwards entered the ministry of the Established Church of England. He came to America previous to the revolutionary war, and in that struggle was the firm friend of Washington and the cause of American Independence—selling all his plate to the last spoon, and his stock to the last cow, and giving the money to the commander to help defray the expenses of his suffering soldiers, urging them to fight for their liberties and not falter.

Brother Thornton graduated at an institution in his native town, under the Rev. Chas. Oneil, in his sixteenth year. He then began the study of medicine. But soon the Rev. Richard Tydings began to preach in the town, and young Thornton soon became serious and anxious for his soul's salvation. His father was a High-Church Episcopalian, and discouraged his course. He joined the church, and soon after, taking a few clothes in a handkerchief, he walked to a camp-meeting some forty miles off, and there found God merciful and gracious to his soul, July 31, 1810. His soul was filled with the love of God. As he left the ground, a good brother said: "My young brother, when in trouble or difficulty, or temptation, resort to prayer: never forget that." This he found to be of great service to him before he reached home. He knew that his father would be angry, and perhaps violent. He was tempted to say nothing of his conversion at home, but to be religious secretly. Under this temptation, he felt discouraged and gloomy. He resorted to prayer and found God was with him, and gave him courage to confess all that had been done, and strength for the trial that awaited him. His father was so enraged at his joining the church and professing to know God had pardoned his sins and given him a new heart, that he gave him a severe correction, and demanded an immediate renunciation of his religion and church relation. This he refused to do. His father then determined to send him away as a common sailor, and made all the necessary arrangements. The day was appointed when he was to leave all that was dear of earth and go he knew not where, on the wide ocean. The night previous to the morning of his departure, he spent in prayer for the conversion of his father. About 4 o'clock, A. M., his father called him. He found him in tears and great distress. "O Tommy," said he, "I have done you great wrong, and intended doing you great injustice in sending you away. Tommy, won't you forgive me?" "With all my heart, father," he replied. "Tommy, won't you pray for me?" "With all my heart, father." That day he was converted. Tommy said he must be a preacher. His father opposed, and insisted on his reading medicine. But he said he must and would preach. Then, said his father, if you will preach, go to the farm and select a horse, get a saddle and saddle bags, and go. This he did: and the next day he rode with Richard Tydings thirteen miles to church near Stafford court-house, and preached his first sermon to an astonished people, from the text: "Ye must be born again." He was then in his 16th or 17th year. He continued on the circuit the remainder of that year. Being persuaded that, on account of his youth, the Conference would not receive him, he engaged in teaching until in his 19th year—preaching as opportunities offered.

In March, 1813, he was admitted on trial in the Baltimore Conference, and appointed to Winchester circuit 1814 and 1815, Prince George's circuit. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Asbury, 24th March, 1815. He was appointed to Stafford and Fredericksburg circuit in 1816. He was ordained Elder by Bishop McKendra, 16th March, 1817, at Baltimore. In 1817, he was appointed to Severn circuit; 1818, Lancaster: 1819, Lancaster and Westmoreland: 1820 and 1821, Fredericksburg station In March 1822, he located to wind up the business of his father's estate. In 1823 he took charge of the Menokin Academy in Va., where he remained until called to take charge of a Collegiate Institute in Northumberland, Va., where he remained until 1831, when his health compelled him to seek a more active life on a farm. This restored, he revisited the Baltimore Conference, March, 1833, and was appointed to Prince William circuit: 1834 and 1835, Baltimore City: 1836, 1837, agent for Dickinson College: 1838. 1839, Carlisle station, and teacher in Dickinson College: 1840, 1841, Foundry Chapel, Washington City. In 1841 he was elected President of Centenary College, and in the autumn of the year came to Mississippi Conference. He was President of old Centenary, 1842 1843, and 1844. He asked to be transferred to the Alabama Conference at the Conference of 1844, but through the prejudice gotten up against him, he was located without his consent. This irritated heim, and feeling assured of the determination of certain men to persecute him as long as he staid in the Methodist Church, he gave up his credentials, January 16, 1845, to Rev. J. N. Hanie, and withdrew from the church. Soon after this, he united with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and became connected with a College in Jackson, Mississippi, where he taught for some years. He next was connected with a College in Brandon, Mississippi, for some years. While in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he exercised as a preacher, but did not take orders in that Church, because he could not subscribe to their doctrine of Apostolical succession. In 1850 he returned to the M. E Church, South, and at the Conference held in Yazoo City, December, 1850, his credentials were restored to him. In 1851, he was elected President of Madison College, which office he filled until his labors and sufferings ceased on the 22d of March, 1860. In November, 1853, he was readmitted in this Conference. In 1854, he traveled a mission to the colored people, in conection with his labors in the College. He had regular pastoral work *seventeen* years —was College agent *two* years—was connected with institutions of learning *thirty* years, in eight different institutions—in all of which he was successful and popular as a teacher. As a professor or instructor, he stood pre-eminent. As a minister of the New Testament, he was able, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, as he gave to each his portion in season, and brought forth from his vast treasury things new and old, and thousands were converted to God under his ministry. As an expounder of the Scriptures, but few equaled him—perhaps none in this country excelled him. While in Baltimore, he wrote his "Theological Coloquies," and when stationed at Washington, City at the solicitations of distinguished gentlemen, he wrote and published his "Slavery as it is in the United States," in reply to Dr. Channing. His end was peaceful and triumphant. On the afternoon of the day of his death, feeling that his departure was at hand, he called together his family, and after giving them instruction as to what he wished done, and bidding them farewell, he repeated the twenty-third Psalm, pronounced the Glora Patri and the Benediction. He said, "If I die to-night I shall have the victory. I the sinner am, but Jesus died for me. Let a just of praise go to the ends of the earth for a sinner saved by grace. If it be the will of the Lord, I would like to live for the benefit of those around me—especially my family, the College, and the China Mission—but if not, the will of the Lord be done." Turning to his weeping wife, he said, "Cheer up! cheer up! my dear—the storm is heavy, but Jesus is at the helm." He expressed gratitude to his kind physician for his unremitting attentions, and even to the servants for their kindness. He met death with the firmness of a Christian philosopher, and realized the saving power of that Gospel which he had for nearly half a century preached to others.

H. H. MONTGOMERY.

Q. 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except James J. Early, and he was expelled.

Q. 16.—What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

NATCHEZ DISTRICT.	White Members..	White Probations.	Colored Members..	Colored Probations.	Local Preachers..	Deacons ..	Elders ....
Natchez Station	310	....	430	20	2	..	1
Kingston	22	....	230	40	....	..	..
Woodville	104	33	162	34	....	..	..
Percy's Creek	143	21	526	21	....	..	..
Bayou Sara	28	....	21	36	....	..	..
Laurel Hill and Barron's Chapel	14	19	12	15	....	..	..
Wilkinson	177	80	14	42	1	..	1
Wilkinson Colored Mission	...	....	272	148	..	..	..
Buffalo	135	145	111	100	2	..	..
Meadville	266	166	321	....	4	..	1
	1199	464	2099	456	9	..	3
FAYETTE DISTRICT.							
Fayette	326	120	22	40	1	..	3
South Jefferson Colored Mission	....	....	717	570	....	..	..
North do do do	....	....	192	199	....	..	..
Washington	51	7	221	69	....	..	..
Adams County Colored Mission	....	....	18	92	....	..	..
Scotland	360	120	25	80	2	..	..
Bayou Pierre	350	142	327	26	5	1	1
Cayuga	326	25	52	45	4	..	..
Cayuga Colored Mission	....	....	....	....	....	..	..
Rocky Springs	69	27	236	28	....	..	..
Grand Gulf and Colored Mission	25	3	20	6	....	..	..
Port Gibson	64	42	40	23	....	..	..
Wesley Chapel and Colored Charge	16	1	60	14	....	..	..
	1587	487	1930	1112	12	1	4
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.							
Vicksburg Station	280	25	269	82	2	..	1
Warren Circuit	246	67	....	....	....	..	1
Warren Colored Mission	....	....	143	....	....		..
North Warren	150	70	60	6	....	..	..
Milldale and Colored Mission	20	20	75	20	....	..	..
Clinton	232	16	158	13	....	..	..
Clinton Colored Mission	....	....	259	37	....	..	..
Raymond and Spring Ridge	160	200	34	52	1	..	..
Jackson Station	137	15	240	50	....	..	..
Brandon	395	142	99	124	7	4	..
Concord	334	93	100	141	2	..	3
	1954	648	1437	525	12	4	5
GREENVILLE DISTRICT.							
Greenville	52	10	....	....	....	..	..
Greenville Colored Mission	....	....	186	21	....	..	..
Bolivar and Colored Mission	20	8	113	24	....	..	..
Upper Deer Creek	2	....	127	21	...	..	..
Middle Deer Creek	5	....	91	....	....	..	..
Lower Deer Creek	29	....	311	48	....	..	..
Tallula	8	....	109	47	....	..	.
Duncan's Plantations	....	....	250	....	....	..	..
Pt Worthington and American Bend	27	2	99	48	....	..	..
Sunflower	18	38	49	57	1	..	..
	161	58	1335	266	1	..	..

YAZOO DISTRICT.	White Members.	White Probations.	Colored Members.	Colored Probations.	Local Preachers.	Deacons.	Elders.
Yazoo City	81	19	80	....	....	..	1
Yazoo Colored Mission	....	....	12	98	....	..	..
Silver Creek Colored Mission	....	....	30	113	....	..	..
Mt. Olivet	258	61	150	1	1	..	1
Valley Colored Mission	....	....	160	10	....	..	..
Big Black Colored Mission	....	....	450	52	....	..	..
Yazoo Circuit and Colored Mission	131	24	181	25	2	..	1
Ebenezer	177	71	259	....	2	..	..
Richland and Lexington	114	23	110	86	....	..	..
Holmes	158	52	106	32	....	..	..
Honey Island Colored Mission	....	....	377	13	....	..	..
Black Hawk	389	68	....	....	3	1	2
Carrollton	241	65	150	25	1	2	..
Greenwood and Tallahatchie	40	2	92	63	....	..	..
Sidon	7	1	40	14	....	1	..
	1596	386	2197	532	9	4	5
STARKVILLE DISTRICT.							
Starkville and Pierce Chapel	92	35	118	50	....	..	..
Octibbeha Circuit	150	25	50	....	....	2	..
Octibbeha Colored Mission	....	....	158	56	....	..	..
Greensboro	222	166	....	....	4	1	..
Middleton	429	96	232	....	....	..	..
Bankston	160	85	36	25	....	..	..
Attala	528	94	116	....	....	..	..
Double Springs	426	78	7	3	....	..	..
Louisville	210	45	46	3	3	..	..
Webster	276	7	75	....	1	4	2
	2493	631	838	137	8	7	2
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.							
Brookhaven Circuit	221	....	31	55	1	3	3
Holmesville and Colored Mission	201	62	59	63	2	1	..
German Mission	15	4	....	....	....	..	..
Amite	222	75	30	65	1	1	1
St. Helena	197	77	....	....	1	..	..
Covington	112	2	75	....	....	..	..
Franklinton	198	22	58	21	1	1	1
Bogue Chitte Mission	230	15	....	....	....	..	..
Pearl River Circuit	236	69	50	27	2	..	1
Georgetown	542	250	80	174	3	2	4
	2174	576	383	405	11	8	10
CLINTON DISTRICT.							
Clinton, La	80	6	200	60	1	..	1
East Feliciana and Colored Mission	213	87	150	150	1	2	1
Port Hudson and Plains	75	25	60	50	....	..	..
Jackson, La	150	94	76	90	3	..	..
Thompsons's Creek Colored Mission	....	....	86	56	....	..	..
East Baton Rouge	137	34	86	42	4	1	..
Livingston	190	70	49	11	4	1	..
Pontchatoula	81	12	12	8	....	..	..
Greensburg	150	191	....	....	2	3	..
	1076	519	719	467	15	7	2

SHARON DISTRICT.	White Members..	White Probations.	Colored Members..	Colored Probations.	Local Preachers..	Deacons....	Elders....
Sharon and Thornton Chapel	101	12	151	20	...	..	..
Madisonville	44	24	109	65	1	..	..
Canton and Pearl River	151	6	80	34	1	1	..
Vernon and Colored Mission	27	3	62	34	....	..	1
{Livingston and Colored Mission.	20	1	50	48	....	..	..
{Robinson's Plantations	....	....	138	60	....	..	..
{Camden	200	25	166	17	....	..	..
{McWillie's Mission	....	....	110	7	4	..	..
Carthage and Lobutcha Mission	228	15	50	20	....	2	1
Philadelphia	387	194	56	114	5	1	3
Decatur	369	53	32	....	1	1	2
Hillsboro	247	101	11	26	3	3	..
	1774	434	1015	445	15	8	7
BILOXI DISTRICT.							
Biloxi Circuit	47	10	16	....	1	..	..
Handsboro and Pass Christian	42	7	....	....	....	..	..
Gainesville	63	25	33	73	....	..	..
Columbia	97	36	52	55	1	..	..
Westville	273	61	97	8	4	..	..
Raleigh	265	103	61	....	....	..	..
Paulding and Colored Mission	230	98	79	80	....	2	..
Ellisville Mission	65	....	3	....	2	..	..
Garlandsville and Colored Mission	160	31	53	101	....	..	..
Augusta Mission	93	17	11	2	1	..	..
Flint Creek Mission	137	92	6	21	1	..	..
	1472	480	411	340	10	2	..

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits and stations?

A.—The committee would respectfully submit the following report:

Steward's Report.

Assessments and receipts of the several districts, &c., of the Mississippi Conference for the support of the Bishops, &c., for the conference year ending November 29, 1860:

Name of District, &c.	Assessment.	Preachers.	Receipt.
NATCHEZ DISTRICT	$900 00	W. H. Watkins	$
Natchez Station	110 00	W G. Millsaps	70 50
Kingston	100 00	John W. Jones	100 00
Woodville	150 00	James A. Godfrey	150 00
Bayou Sara	30 00	R. B. Downer	11 00
Laurel Hill and Barrows		J. J. Wheat	20 00
Wilkinson		D. W. Dillehay	14 00
			$365 50
Fayette District	900 00	B. M. Drake	
Fayette Circuit	125 00	H. F. Johnson	125 00
Washington Circuit		J. B. Bowen	14 75
Scotland "		W. B. Johnson	20 00
Bayou Pierre "		W. Wadsworth	15 00
Rocky Springs "		L Kendall	100 00
Port Gibson Station	100 00	J. A. B. Jones	100 00
			374 75
Vicksburg District	1000 00	L. Pearce	150 00
Vicksburg Station	133 35	G. H. Clinton	150 00
Warren Circuit		G. F. Thompson	90 00
North Warren Circuit		J H. Shelton	115 00
Clinton Circuit	133 35	J Lusk	105 20
Raymond and Spring Ridge		G W. Stewart	67 15
Jackson Station	116 67	Warrington	116 67
Brandon	120 00	A. B. Nicholson	50 50
Concord	120 00	Wm. Price	65 52
			910 04
Greenville District	625 00	W. B. Hines	
Greenville Station	100 00	W. P. Barton	189 50
Bolivar and Colored Mission	75 00	P. Howard	50 00
Upper Deer Creek	50 00	E. F. Mullins	15 00
Middle " "		J. J. Early	15 00
Point Worthington and American Bend	100 00	C. G. Andrews	100 00
Sunflower		H. Townsend	11 50
			381 00
Yazoo District	700 00	D. M. Wiggins	
Yazoo Station		R. W. Lambuth	45 00
Mount Olivet Circuit		F. M. Featherston	77 90
Ebenezer Circuit	75 00	Thomas C. Parish	50 00
Holmes Circuit	85 00	R. J. Jones, Jr	58 35
Carrollton	85 00	J. W. McCrary	52 60
Greenwood	30 00	C. T. French	13 00
Sidon Mission	30 00	J. Maclennan	12 30
Richland and Lexington	85 00	A. R Hines	85 00
Blackhawk	95 00	T. C. Rayner	95 00
			489 15

Starkville District	250 00	G. D. Wade	
Starkville and Pearce's Chapel	50 00	J. J Millsaps	50 00
Octibbeha Circuit	50 00	Thos W. Castle	50 00
Banksion "	20 00	Allen Castle	35 75
Attala "	50 00	W. P. Dickerson	62 40
Louisville "	20 00	J. C. Taylor	11 20
Webster "		J. O. Woodward	2 50
Double Springs "	20 00	Supply	20 00
Greensboro	20 00	Do.	20 00
			251 85

Sharon District	500 00	J. Walton	
Madisonville	25 00	J. M. Pugh	32 00
Canton and Pearl River		W. F. Camp	50 00
Lexington and Colored Mission	55 00	J. R Lambuth	55 00
Camden		L. Ercanbrack	50 00
Carthage		J. W. Adams	5 80
Philadelphia	25 00	John A. Vance	14 90
Hillsboro		H. Copeland	15 50
			223 20

Biloxi District	100 00	R. J. Jones, Sr.	
Handsboro and Pass Chritian	10 00	Supplied	98 50
Gainesville, Miss	10 00	John D. Shaw	10 00
Columbia	10 00	N. B Young	12 25
Westville	15 00	B. B. Whittington	10 00
Paulding Colored Mission	15 00	J. W. McNeil	16 50
Augusta	5 00	J. Boyes	7 00
			154 25

Brookhaven District	400 00	T. Price	
Brookhaven Circuit		P E Green	30 00
Holmesville and Col'd Mission		H J. Harris	30 00
Amite	37 50	Andrew Day	38 45
Covington	37 00	James English	9 30
Franklinton	50 00	H. P. Lewis	5 00
Pearl River	37 50	R. T. Hennington	47 75
			160 50

Clinton District	500 00	B. Pipkin	
Clinton Station	50 00	J. L. Forsyth	50 00
East Feliciana	115 00	E. A. Flours	87 25
Port Hudson and Plains	100 00	Geo. T. Vickers	100 00
East Baton Rouge Circuit	50 00	Joseph Nicholson	24 25
			261 50

Since Conference adjourned—		Proceeds of a hhds. sugar given	
Cayuga has paid	23 00	by Captain King, near Port	
Rocky Springs	35 00	Hudson	85 00
			$346 50

Q. 18.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING REPORT.

	Assessment.	*Receipts.*	*Deficit.*	*Surplus.*
Natchez District	$ 900 00	365 50	534 50	....
Fayette "	900 00	374 75	525 25	....
Vicksburg "	1000 00	910 04	89 96	....
Greenville "	625 00	381 00	244 00	....
Yazoo "	700 00	489 15	210 85	....
Starkville "	250 00	251 85	.....	1 85
Sharon "	500 00	223 20	276 80	....
Biloxi "	100 00	154 25	.....	54 25
Clinton "	500 00	346 50	153 50	....
Brookhaven "	400 00	160 50	239 50	....
	$5,875 00	$3,656 74	$2,424 36	$56 10
To these receipts add Rawle's donation and Vanhoughton bequest		312 70		
And Vanhoughton donation		40 00		
Total		$4,009 44		

Which has been distributed as follows:

Bishop's Claim	$ 400 00	A. Gotschall	35 00
Roger's Children	162 00	D. M. Wadsworth	25 00
Sister Payne and Child	171 00	A. P. Lewis	50 00
" Haney	135 00	Sister Drake	180 00
" Hyer and Child	171 00	J. O. Woodward	90 00
" Nash and Child	171 00	John G. Deskins	90 00
Brother H. Mullins and Wife	270 00	Dan'l McDonald	50 00
" J. I. E. Bird and Wife	270 00	J. W. Jones	50 00
Sister Watson	135 00	C. A. McNeil	75 00
" Fly and two Children	207 00	Sister Thornton	135 00
" Chapman	135 00	" Campbell	135 00
" Johnson	135 00	" Light	135 00
" Morris	135 00	H. J. Harris	50 00
Dr. Level's Child	36 00	Surplus	10 00
L. Wiley, Wife and 2 Children	240 00		$3,943 15
J. B. Higginbotham	35 00		
Allen Castle	25 00		

W. P. BARTON,
W. MUSE,
M. WICKER,
E. MORTIMER,
V. H. JOHNSON,
W. HARRINGTON,
} Committee on Ministerial Support.

Surplus appropriated for Stationery.

By inspecting this report, it will be seen that the collections this year are a fraction under 60 per cent. on the assessments. Last year the collections reached 74 per cent. on the assessments. This falling off is accounted for in several ways—the great drougth

in parts of the Conference and the political excitements, and finally the pressure in money matters at the close of the year; but we fear the chief cause is to be found in the neglect of the presiding elders and preachers. The collections seem to indicate this: Natchez district has twelve appointments; only four of them knew what was apportioned them, and only six bring any returns, and only two the whole amount assessed them: the district only paid forty per cent. on the assessment. The Fayette district, with thirteen appointments, only reports from six (6)—forty-one per cent. collected on her assessment. Vicksburg district pays seventy-six per cent.; a larger number of the preachers report than in the others, and we see many hands make light work; Vicksburg district can pay one hundred per cent. Greenville district pays sixty-two per cent.; Yazoo district, seventy per cent., nine circuits in fourteen reporting. Starkville district paid dollar for dollar. Sharon district, forty-four per cent., seven of thirteen circuits reporting. Biloxi district paid one hundred and fifty-four per cent.; Clinton district, sixty-nine per cent.; Brookhaven, forty.

The number of claimants on this fund was unusually large. Many rich works sent up their preachers deficient from thirty to ninety per cent. on their sallaries; expecting the Conference Stewards to supply their lack of service. This we could not do for obvious reasons. We had not the money, nor were we inclined to pay a premium on the neglect of those who had received the services of God's ministers, and withheld from them their just support. Delinquent circuits should be made to feel the sin of muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

Not feeling warranted in attempting to increase assessments to meet what we think injudicious demands on this fund, we leave the assessments as last year, to wit:

Natchez District	$900 00	Starkville District	250 00
Fayette "	900 00	Sharon "	500 00
Vicksburg "	1000 00	Biloxi "	100 00
Greenville "	625 00	Clinton "	500 00
Yazoo "	700 00	Brookhaven "	400 00

W. P. BARTON, Chm'n Mins. Sup.

Q. 19.—What has been contributed for the Missionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies?

A.—For Missions, $7,745 55; for Sunday Schools, $596 40.

Missionary Treasurer's Report.

	CASH.	WHOLE AM'T.
NATCHEZ DISTRICT.		
Natchez	$190 00	$190 00
Natchez Juvenile Missionary Society	54 00	54 00
Kingston		300 00
Woodville	427 05	427 05
Percy's Creek	46 00	46 00
Bayou Sara	10 00	10 00
Buffalo	2 50	2 50
Meadville	46 50	46 50
Wilkinson	161 75	161 75
	$937 80	$1237 80
FAYETTE DISTRICT.		
Fayette	347 45	347 45
Of this am't $5 is for China, $5 50 was paid by Fayette S. School for Home Missions, and $5 for For'n Mis's.		
Washington	14 00	14 00
Scotland	25 00	225 00
Bayou Pierre	140 00	140 00
Rocky Springs	400 00	400 00
Port Gibson (colored congregation $15 90)	167 25	167 25
Wesley Chapel and Colored Mission		50 00
	$193 70	$1343 70
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.		
Vicksburg	123 00	123 00
Warren (for China $220)	420 00	570 00
North Warren	70 00	70 00
Clinton	123 60	123 60
Clinton Colored Mission		550 00
Raymond and Spring Ridge	36 50	36 50
Jackson	310 60	460 60
Brandon	50 25	50 25
Concord	64 00	64 00
	$1197 95	$2047 95
GREENVILLE DISTRICT.		
Greenville	50 00	
Greenville Colored Mission		421 00
Bolivar	130 00	130 00
Middle Deer Creek	11 05	11 05
Tallula	10 00	10 00
Point Worthington and American Bend	58 50	58 50
	$259 55	$670 55

YAZOO DISTRICT.		
Yazoo Colored Mission		100 00
Mt. Olivet	3 70	83 20
Yazoo Circuit and Colored Mission	21 50	21 50
Ebenezer	50 00	115 00
Richland and Lexington	47 70	47 70
Holmes	36 05	36 05
Black Hawk	400 00	400 00
Carrollton	40 00	40 00
Sidon		473 00
	$598 95	$916 45
STARKVILLE DISTRICT.		
Starkville and Pierce Chapel	50 00	50 00
Octibbeha	100 00	100 00
Middleton	42 00	42 00
Attala	70 00	70 00
	$262 00	$262 00
SHARON DISTRICT.		
Sharon and Thornton Chapel	20 00	20 00
Canton and Pearl River	175 00	357 50
Vernon and Colored Mission	146 50	212 95
Philadelphia	2 00	2 00
Camden	74 00	104 00
	$417 50	$696 45
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.		
Brookhaven	30 50	30 50
Holmesville and Col'd Mission (paid Mrs. Lambuth $15)	25 75	40 75
Amite	61 25	61 25
Covington	25 00	25 00
Franklinton	2 00	2 00
Pearl River	37 40	37 40
Georgetown	37 45	37 45
	$219 35	$234 35
BILOXI DISTRICT.		
Gainesville ($23 15 cents paid by colored people)	30 00	30 00
Westville	5 00	5 00
	$35 00	$35 00
CLINTON DISTRICT.		
Clinton, La	106 15	106 15
East Baton Rouge	23 50	23 50
	$129 65	$129 65
DONATIONS.		
Interest on Rayford Fund	270 00	270 00
Mrs. Martha Winans, to make Wm. Winans Drake, D. M.	20 00	20 00
Rev. A. Day	20 00	20 00
Mrs. Coulson	7 50	7 50
Rev. G. C. Fore	10 00	10 00
" H. Copeland	10 00	10 00
" F. Ely	5 00	5 00
" D. M. Wiggins	5 00	5 00
Miss Fanny Ewing, for Mrs. Lambuth	3 00	3 00
Sundry persons	19 00	19 00
Collected at Missionary Anniversary	115 00	115 00
	$384 50	$384 50

RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING REPORT.

Natchez District	937 80	1237 80
Fayette "	1093 70	1343 70
Vicksburg "	1197 95	2047 95
Greenville "	259 55	670 55
Yazoo "	598 95	916 45
Starkville "	262 00	262 00
Sharon "	417 50	696 45
Brookhaven "	219 30	234 35
Biloxi "	35 00	35 00
Clinton "	129 65	129 65
Donations, &c., &c	384 00	384 00
	$5,635 90	$7,957 90
Paid J. B. McFerrin	5,110 70	
	$525 20	

NATCHEZ, MI., November 29, 1860.

W. H. WATKINS, Treasurer.

Proceedings of Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference.

Our Missionary anniversary was held in the M. E. Church, Natchez, on the evening of the 27th November, 1860. The evening was very dark and rainy, and few attended.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and opened with singing and prayer by brother George F. Thompson. The election of officers then took place, resulting as follows: President, L. Pearce; Secretary, W. P. Barton; Treasurer, W. H. Watkins; Managers, J. L. Forsyth, W. Harrington, B. Jones, D. M. Wiggins, H. J. Harris, and H. H. Montgomery.

The Secretary then read the following

REPORT:

In complying with your resolution, dear brethren, requiring me to report on our home and foreign missions, indulge me in a moment's grief at our sad bereavement in the loss of our beloved President, the lamented Dr. Drake. This altar is draped; our Conference, our Church, our country has felt the loss of a great and good man. May his virtues and labors incite us to the diligence and success which he showed to the end of his long and useful life.

We regret our information is not more accurate and specific respecting our home work.

The survey of the home field is in many respects encouraging; the field enlarges in all directions. Our home missions are as extensive as our home territory. We embrace in our Negro Missions in this Conference, 11,008 members and 4,106 probations. In the Missions of the M. E. Church, South, we have 197,348 members, and also 4,326 Indians. Our home missionaries minister the word of life to at least one million of people. The Missionaries of our own Conference minister the word of life to not less than 50,000 souls.

You require me to suggest such things as may give impetus and enlarged success to our great Missionary work. In this you impose a great task, without affording me the information respecting our missions which may enable me to act wisely here. I would, however, offer a few suggestions:

1st. We must require each Missionary to report the state of his Mission at each Conference.

2d. We urge the importance of continuing good missionaries longer than one or two years on the same mission.

3d. We need, as ministers, to think more, pray more, and preach more, on the claims of missions.

4th. *System* is indispensable in every step we take—system in teaching, in preaching, in collecting and disbursing. To secure this, we recommend the revival of the monthly concert for prayer for the success of missions. Let all the pastors see to it that this be done in all the churches where it is practicable, and let suitable remarks be offered by the pastor or some one competent, by him previously selected, imparting at the same time an interest to the meetings, and giving to the people such information respecting the missionary work or any part of it as may enlarge their efforts in this behalf.

Our finances are below our resolution of last year—much below our needs—much below our ability.

In our foreign fields, we have seen preachers in China, and one appointed to go to Japan. *Seven* missionaries abroad—*only*

seven—think of that, in 1860, when every barrier is taken away, and 600,000,000 immortals lift up their hands for help!

When we consider the difficulties of christianizing a heathen nation, we may well summon all our patience, tax all our powers of mind and heart to conquer, and then thank God that a little success attends our efforts. Brother Lambuth went from us to China; he has had and still has our sympathies and support. He has sent us two Chinese boys to educate here, C. K. Marshall and John R. Lambuth. C. K. Marshall is being educated by Dr. Marshall; to provide for the education of J. R. Lambuth, brothers Saml. Gillespie and John W. Burruss give each annually twenty-five dollars ($25). Who else will do likewise?

In conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That every preacher and layman is expected to do his duty in the missionary cause the coming conference year.

Dr. Marshall then addressed the meeting. Dr. McFerrin followed him and took up a collection, which amounted to $131 70 cash, and the following pledges, some of which were realized next day: H. M. Booth, one bale of cotton, $40; brother Thomas Reed, $10, and Fayette Sunday School $10 annually, to educate the Chinese boy J. R. Lambuth; brother Eli, $30 for same; brother Becton, $25.

The following brethren pledge themselves to raise the sums annexed for the general missionary treasury by the 1st of February next, to be forwarded to the Treasurer at Nashville, and credited to their respective charges in the Treasurer's report of our Conference in 1861: Benj. Jones, $50; G. H. Clinton, $50; G. F. Thompson, $50; N. S. Cornell, $50; John A. B. Jones, $50; F. M. Featherstun, $50; E. Mortimer, $50; V. H. Johnson, $50; H. D. Berry, $50; John Higginbotham, $50; G. J. Mortimer, $50; H. H. Shrock, $50.

The meeting then adjourned with the benediction.

W. P. BARTON,

Sec'y Missionary Soc. Miss. Conf.

The following resolutions accompanying the foregoing report were adopted by the Conference :

Resolved, That we deem it important to the success of Home and Foreign Missions that our people be instructed and informed in regard to them ; we therefore recommend the revival of the Monthly Concert of prayer, and that these be occasions of informing our people of the claims and condition of our Missions.

2d, We deem it important to the success of our Negro Missions, that the same Missionary be continued at the same place, as long as circumstances will admit.

3d, That we will try to enlarge the Missionary Collections in our Conference the ensuing year.

Report of the Committee on Church Publications.

The Committee on Church Publications report that they have given the matters submitted to them their best consideration. The exhibit of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee, shows a balance of $329,249 of assets above liabilities. The indebtedness of the house is $113,118; the means available to meet that indebtedness found in "merchandize," "bills receivable," "book accounts," "debts by depositions," and "cash," amount to $222,885. It is not to be supposed that, even in the present agitated condition of the county, politically and financially, with this showing, any serious obstruction to the business of the house can occur.

It is believed that the sum owed the house by the Tract Society—say $30,587—will in large part be lost

The Book and Tract Depository at Vicksburg is now in condition to go forward and do a safe and useful work, under careful management. The accounts with the Publishing House have been satisfactorily adjusted. The exhibit shows $24,406 assets; liabilities, $5,458, exclusive of the stock shares. The net profit of the depository for the year is $928. The control of that institution being in the hands of prudent and intelligent men, it is to be presumed that all will be done that should be to give precision and efficiency to its operations.

The Nashville Christian Advocate is every way satisfactory as an organ of the church. The Home Circle meets a natural and commendable social and literary taste.

The Quarterly Review deserves largely more of patronage than it has ever received. Its history is sad and humiliating; its maintainance, under the circumstances, masterly and worthy of all praise.

The Sunday School Visiter still makes its monthly and most welcome visits. The exhibits of its circulation should make many persons feel very uncomfortable. Honor and conscience demand reformation in this particular by the preachers and Sunday School officers of this Conference. Sunday School Conventions are a "sounding brass" compared with what individuals in their several spheres may do. The Committee recommend that the form and price of the Visiter be so changed as to make the issue *weekly* and the price *fifty cents a year.*

The New Orleans Christian Advocate appears to be in a safe condition financially. It has 8000 subscribers and 500 agents and exchanges—an improvement upon last year. The position of this paper must give it importance, apart from all inherent power. It sits at the receipt of custom, where multiplied millions pass through the hands of men whose largest talk is *getting* and *spending*. It is a grand position—a noble pulpit. The highest piety should here find its utterance. To arrest the downhill rush of men to the altars of the golden Dagon should be its prevailing purpose. But the committee would not be misunderstood. A living sympathy with the irrepressible questions of the day is inevitable—is desirable. Religion exalts patriotism—piety can almost sanctify politics. We would ask each preacher, "how many new subscribers have you obtained this year?" And we would urge it upon every one as the best means of general enlightenment yet devised. Circulate the Advocates and you will preach better sermons—the reflux influence will get into the pulpit. Circulate the Advocates, and get acquainted with men that are fully charged electrical batteries, and be brought into quick communication with the living ideas of the day. Circulate the Quarterly, and let us grow by stretching to its comprehensions

Circulate the Visitor, and gladden the children—your own and others—the cheapest and best education in the world. Gladden the mother, whose only hours of rest often are with the baby on her knee. Watch for, and think of these things. Circulate the Home Circle, and carry a grateful culture to many homes that are like untouched gardens, where flowers of beauty and fragrance are overrun by noxious weeds.

Resolved, That we will find or make opportunities to circulate the journals of the church, and that we mean what we say.

Respectfully submitted.

B. JONES, Chairman,
JNO. W. BURRUS,
and others.

Report on Ministerial Support.

The Committee on Ministerial Support have, as far as the limited returns enable them, investigated this important department of ecclesiastical development, and present the following significant facts:

The Natchez district employed twelve preachers, with an average salary of $850, which was paid in full in every case but one, so far as reported.

Fayette employed fifteen preachers—average salary of $570, on which 82 per cent. was paid. This district makes very low appropriations and fails to collect that. It would be well for the presiding elder to inquire whether this is want of ability or inclination. Certainly if this duty is laid before the people properly, they will not allow their preachers to labor for naught; they must have a higher standard of morality. Circulate the minutes, and with an efficient presiding elder, Fayette will do better next year. We have confidence in *the people*.

Vicksburg district employed eleven preachers, at an average salary of $954, of which 90 per cent. was paid. Vicksburg dis-

trict was the revival district this year. God loveth the cheerful giver and honors them that honor him with their means.

Greenville district employed twelve preachers, at an average salary of $477—85 per cent. of which was paid.

Yazoo district had fifteen preachers, with an average salary of $720—83 per cent. paid.

Starkville district employed eight preachers; average salary $547—79 per cent. paid.

Sharon district had fifteen preachers; salaries average $720; 84 per cent paid.

Biloxi district had eleven preachers, with salaries $517 each; received 71 per cent.

Brookhaven district ten preachers, with assessments of $578; 81 per cent.

Clinton district eleven preachers, with $726 salaries; paid 67 per cent.

There are two inquiries here. 1st. Are the appropriations in most of the districts sufficient to support men most of whom have families, and enable them to educate their children in times like the present, when every article necessary for family consumption has advanced in the five past years from 50 to 100 per cent? The next question is, are the preachers able to pay out of their limited allowances from 10 to 30 per cent. to the support of the Gospe where they preach, for the withholding that amount by the churches is the same in effect as compelling the preacher to pay it?

These facts ought to prompt the official members, when their attention is directed to them by the presiding elders, to consider their delinquencies and amend their ways. The plan suggested in lay session, and favorably received, was, that each preacher procure small books for the purpose, suitably lined, and put them in the hands of energetic collectors, as early in the year as practicable, to get subscriptions to pay the preachers, raise missionary and conference money on each work; and that the same be collected and reported at farthest by the last qnarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. BARTON, Ch'n on Min. Support.

Preachers' Fund Society.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Preachers' Fund Society, were offered to the Conference in the form of a proposition from said Society, and accepted:

Resolved, That the Preachers' Fund Society request the Mississippi Conference to adopt our Society and fund as a part of the financial plan of the Conference, provided the fund shall not be diverted from the purposes for which it was created, and that hereafter the business of the Society be transacted in open Conference.

Resolved, That if the Conference adopt our Society as proposed in the above resolution, we will so change our constitution and by-laws as to make them conform to the action of the Conference.

H. J. HARRIS, Sec'y P. F. Society.

Van Houton Bequest Fund, &c.

The Treasurer of the Van Houton Bequest Fund and Van Houton Donation reports that he has paid over to the Conference Stewards—interest on the former, $312 70, and interest on the latter, $40.

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer.

☞ (The same also made a report as Treasurer of the Rawls' donation to this effect, that the money had been loaned the past year according to instructions of the Conference, but the party to whom it was loaned had died during the year. The money was amply secured, but the interest had not been paid. He was authorized to control and manage this fund the ensuing year.)

Report on Bible Cause.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Bible Cause, begs leave to report:

WHEREAS, The ever blessed Word of God, the Bible, which contains the only and sufficient rule for a correct life and practice, is now

being printed and published in nearly two hundred languages and tongues of the babbling earth, including Bibles for the blind.

And whereas, by and through the efficiency of the American Bible Society, together with that of our own Southwestern Bible Society, located at New Orleans, nearly one million copies of Bibles and Testaments were put into circulation during the year 1859.

And whereas, within our own bounds, there are reliable instrumentalities at work, under the judicious management of the Southwestern Bible Society, which promises at an early day to supply every destitute family among us with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our confidence is unabated in the Southwestern and American Bible Societies.

Resolved, 2. That the preachers on their various circuits and stations be requested to act in concert with the Southwestern and American Bible Societies in the furtherance of the Bible cause.

Resolved, 3. That each preacher in charge be requested to preach a sermon annually to each congregation in behalf of the Bible cause, after which he shall take a collection for the same, to be used in the local work in the country and parish, or to be forwarded to the Society at New Orleans.

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Sunday Schools.

The following reselutions accompanying the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools,* were adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, 1st, That each preacher in the Conference endeavor to form *Methodist Sunday Schools* in each of their respective stations, and all destitute places where it is practicable.

2d, That there be held in each Presiding Elder's District a Sunday School Convention at such time and place as the Presiding Elder of the respective districts may determine.

3d, That in view of the want of funds to cheapen our Sunday School literature, we recommend each preacher to raise twenty-five cents from each member of the church in his charge, and that one-half of this sum be appropriated to the cause of Sun-

*This Report was not received by the Publishing Committee.

day Schools within our own bounds, and the other half be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Sunday School Society, at Nashville, for the purpose of aiding in cheapening such literature.

4, That in order to awaken and promote a greater interest among ourselves in the cause of Sunday Schools, we devote one evening during the session of each Conference in having addresses upon this intent of the Church, and that a committee of three be appointed to select speakers for such occasions.

[Under the last resolution, Whitefield Harrington, William P. Barton and William B. Hines, were appointed a committee, as provided.—SECRETARY.]

Resolutions on Lay Co-operation.

The following resolutions were adopted at the Third Quarterly Conference of Fayette Circuit, Miss. Conf,, held at Mt. Carmel Church, the 9th of June, 1860.

Resolved, 1st. That the present plan of lay-co-operation in the Mississippi Annual Conference is cumbersome, and to some extent inefficient, from its numbers.

2d. That we recommend that said plan be so amended, that but two delegates be allowed to each presiding Elder's district, and two alternates to be elected at the District Steward's meeting; or should the Stewards fail to elect, then the Presiding Elder should nominate them at each Quarterly Conference, and each Quarterly Conference shall be entitled to count as one vote. Whosoever shall receive the votes of a majority of the Quarterly Conferences shall be entitled to their seats, and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elder to give them a proper certificate of their election.

3d. That the Mississippi Annual Conference be requested to memorialize the General Conference for a change of the discipline, so as to give the lay delegates in the Annual Conferences the right to vote on all questions of Church policy.

4th. That the above resolutions be laid before the several Quarterly Conferences of Fayette district, with a request that they adopt similar resolutions.

5th. That the Rev. H. F. Johnson, P. C., be requested to present the foregoing resolutions, numbers one, two and three, to the next Mississippi Annual Conference.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the Quarterly Conference of Fayette Circuit, passed June 9th, 1860, report:

That they approve and incorporate as a part of this report, and recommend to the adoption of the Committee of the Whole, the second resolution, which reads thus. "That the plan of Lay co-operation be so amended that but two delegates be allowed from each Presiding Elder's District, and two alternates, to be elected at the District Steward's meeting, or should the Stewards fail to elect, then the Presiding Elder shall nominate them, and each Quarterly Conference shall be entitled to one vote. Whoever shall receive the votes of a majority of the Quarterly Conference shall be entitled to their seats, and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elder to give them a proper certificate of their election."

The Committee, believing that as yet all the good desired can be obtained by this modified lay co-operation, do not recommend for adoption the third resolution, which asks for the laity equality with the clergy in the deliberations and decisions of the Conference.

J. W. BURRUSS, Com.

Plan of Lay Co-operation.

FIRST, It shall be the duty of the Financial Committee of the Conference, to ascertain, at each Conference, the whole amount necessary to meet the claims of the Bishops, superannuated preachers, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans, for the succeeding year.

SECOND, It shall be the duty of said Committee to make an apportionment of this amount to the Presiding Elder's Districts, according to their respective abilities.

THIRD, It shall be the duty of the District Stewards, and in case of failure on their part, of the Presiding Elder of each District, to apportion to the several Stations and Circuits of the district, according to their several abilities, the amount thus assessed.

FOURTH, It shall be the duty of the Stewards of each Station and Circuit to collect and deliver to the preacher in charge, Presiding Elder, or Lay Delegates of said charge, the amount to them assessed, to be paid over at Conference to the credit of said Station or Circuit.

FIFTH, To all Circuits, which the Presiding Bishop and Committee on Missions shall deem unable to support a preacher, an appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Missionary Society, sufficient to insure the disciplinary allowance of the preacher or preachers of said charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. ERCANBRACK, *Ch.*
B. JONES,
J. R. LAMBUTH. } Preachers.

JOHN H. STROUD,
J. P. THOMAS. } Lay Delegates.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT.

SIXTH, It shall be the duty of the Preacher in charge, to furnish the Annual Conference a full statement, certified to by the Recording Steward, of the amount of money allowed him for his support by the Board of Stewards of his Circuit or Station, and the amount of such sum collected and paid to him ; also, the amount of money collected for the support of the Bishop, superannuated Preaches, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans.

Lay Co-operation.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of revising the plan of lay co-operation, so as to make it conform to the act of the Conference in amending the number of lay representatives, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and as a result of their deliberations for expediting and perfecting business for the action of the Conference, they would suggest and propose the following as an amended plan of lay co-operation:

1. That the present plan of a committee of the whole in lay session be dispensed with.

2. That the present standing committees on Education, Missions, &c., continue as they now are, with an additional committee of "General Business," to consider all subjects not belonging to either of the other committees.

3. That the chairman of each special committee be appointed as now, one year in advance of the session of Conference; that each committee shall be composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen, to meet after the regular session of Conference, on the call of the chairman, at such time and place as may be designated, and, if practicable, that no minister or layman shall be put on more than one committee; and it shall be the duty of each committee to consider all subjects and matters referred to them, and to report the result of their deliberations to the Conference directly.

4. In the consideration of all subjects before the committee each lay delegate shall have an equal voice, and vote with the ministry, the chairman only to vote when there is a tie in voting; and when that subject or any other comes up in Conference proper, each lay delegate shall have the right to express and advocate freely and fully his views as heretofore.

5. That the committee for the publication of the minutes of Conference be requested to have the above report inserted in said minutes, so as to give information as to the proposed plan of lay co-operation for the future.

B. JONES,
W. P. BARTON,
H. H. MONTGOMERY,
JAMES MACLENNAN,
H. F. JOHNSON.

Chinese Boys, Marshall and Lambuth.

To the Mississippi Annual Conference:

Your Committee, appointed to inquire into the relations which the two Chinese boys, John R. Lambuth and Charles K. Marshall, sustain to this Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

That we find that our Missionary to China, the Rev. J. W. Lambuth, selected these two Oriental natives as representatives of his missionary work in China, with the view of placing their education under the care of this Conference, in hope that they would ultimately be called of God to preach the Gospel to their own countrymen, as they (we are informed) have both been happily converted.

The Rev. Dr. C. K. Marshall has undertaken to pay all the expenses of the maintainance and education of the boy named after him. The expenses of the other boy will be about $200 annually. This sum will have to be raised by the Conference, and we are glad to report that brothers Samuel Gillespie, of Holmes, and J. W. Burruss, of Wilkinson county, have each agreed to contribute $25 annually for that purpose, and we hope six other benevolent persons will do the same.

We would further report, that at present these youths are under the care of Rev. Dr. Kelly, of Tennessee, formerly a missionary to China, and eminently qualified to instruct them. We ask for the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all subscriptions for the maintainance and education of John R. Lambuth (the Chinese boy) be placed in the hands of the Rev. John R. Lambuth, and that he be authorized to superintend the disbursement of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS REED, Ch'n,
WM. P. BARTON,
and others.

Course of Study for Candidates in the Annual Conferences.

First Year—The Bible; Historical and Biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas, and Preacher's Text Book. Wesley's Sermons, vol, 1.; Discipline; Hymn Book; Clarke's Preacher's Manual; Watson's Institutes, part 3d; Theological Compend; English Grammar; Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible, as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2d; Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Hymn Book; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4th; Watson's Life of Wesley and Observations on Southey; Essay on Sermon, with reference to Quackenbos' Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

Third Year—The Bible as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3d; Discipline; Hymn Book; Watson's Institutes, Part 3d; Whately's Rhetoric; Essay, or Sermon, with reference to Vienet's Pastoral Theology.

Fourth Year—The Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermon's, vol. 4th; Discipline; Hymn Book; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, part 1st; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History; Whateley's Logic; Essay on Sermon.

Committees, etc.

Members of Joint Publishing Committee of the N. O. Christian Advocate—William H. Watkins, William P. Barton and John J. Wheat.

Visiting Committee to Centrnary College—Willtam G. Millsaps, William B. Hines, James L. Forsythe.

Visiting Committee to East Feliciana Female Institute—James A. Godfrey, William G. Millsaps, Josiah M. Pugh.

Vis. Com. to Sharon Female College—Samuel W. Speer, William F. Camp, Whitefield Harrington.

Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—Henry J. Harris, George H. Clinton, John Lusk.

The Bishop appointed the following Chairmen of Committees, viz:

ON EDUCATION.....WILLIAM H. WATKINS.
ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....CHARLES K. MARSHALL.
ON MISSIONS.....BENJAMIN JONES.
ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.....JAMES L. FORSYTHE.
ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS....H. H. MONTGOMERY.
ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT....WILLIAM P. BARTON.

ANNUAL SERMON, NEXT CONFERENCE—Charles K. Marshall, H. H. Montgomery—alternate.

Miscellaneous Resolutions, &c.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT, ETC.

The following resolutions accompanying the report of the Conference Stewards, were adopted—the second designed as an amendment to the present Financial Plan:

Resolved, 1st. That we authorize our Conference Stewards to procure a book in which to record their proceedings annually, and pay for the same out of the surplus now in their hands, and the remainder be appropriated to pay for stationery, etc.

2d. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder to keep a memorandum of said apportionment, and obtain at the close of the year from each preacher in his district the collections, and report the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support at the earliest convenience after the Conference meets.

3d. That our Financial Plan, as amended, be published in our Minutes.

4th. That hereafter the Board of Stewards shall make a public call in the Conference room on the second morning of the session for the claims and receipts of the preachers; the names and claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, and the Conference collections from each charge.

WHEREAS, The word "South" appended to the name of our Church is liable to misrepresentation and is likely to embarrass us in many respects, Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully suggest to our next General Conference the propriety of its removal.

(Signed) L. PEARCE.
D. M. WIGGINS.

The following, in the form of a Memorial, to the General Conference, was adopted with but one dissenting vote:

1. That we respectfully memorialize the next General Conference to so change sec. 4, ch. 1, paragraph 2d, of our Discipline as to remove the words "United Societies," and insert the words "Methodist Church" instead thereof; and so to alter the entire section as to make it conform to this change.

2d. That we request our Bishops to present the above resolution to each Annual Conference for their concurrence in the same, that it may come legally before the General Conference in 1862.

(Signed) H. H. MONTGOMERY.
D. M. WIGGINS.

N. O. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

WHEREAS, We have learned that the Editor and Publishing Committee of the N. O. Christian Advocate deem it advisable to enlarge that journal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the preachers in this Conference, in view of that worthy enterprise, will make the effort to increase the subscription for that paper to TEN THOUSAND, and that we ask the co-operation of the patronizing conferences.

Resolved, That Benjamin Jones, Wm. P. Barton, Harvey F. Johnson, H. H. Montgomery and James Maclennan be, and are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the rules of our plan of Lay Co-operation, in view of the change of numbers and mode of representation, and also in view of the want of facility and smoothness of the present plan.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Dr. Watkins, for his able and instructive discourse on the life and character of the late lamented Benjamin M. Brake, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication that it may be widely circulated for the use of the people and of the church at large.

Resolved, That we tender our christian regards to our beloved Bishop Early, and take pleasure in recognizing in his Episcopal visit among us an occasion of great spiritual profit, as well as unmarred and harmonious session of our Conference under his dignified and able supervision.

(Signed) C. K. MARSHALL.
WM. B. HINES.
W. HARRINGTON.

Resolved, That the Committee and the classes to be examined at the next Conference meet at the seat of Conference on Monday night before the session.

Resolved, That we regard favorably the Educational Repository, published at Atlanta, Ga., and that we commend this publication to the consideration of our people.

Q. 20.—Where and when shall the next session of the Conference be held?

A.—At Canton, Mississippi. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

Q. 21.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Appointments of the Preachers.

NATCHEZ DISTRICT—*Wm. B. Hines, P. E.*
Natchez Station—*William H. Watkins.*
Kingston—Nathan S. Cornell.
Buffalo—*William Finn.*
Woodville—*Wm. G. Millsaps.*
Woodville Colored Mission—*Andrew Day.*
Wilkinson—*James L. Forsyth.*
Wilkinson Colored Mission—Phillip S. Petty.

Fort Adams—Joseph A. McPherson.
Percy's Creek—Andrew J. Wheat.
Pinckneyville and Tunica—*John J. Clark.*
Laurel Mill—*John J. Wheat.*
Bayou Sara—*Samuel T. Swiney.*
Richard Abby, Financial Sec'y of Nashville Publishing House.

FAYETTE DISTRICT—*John Lusk, P. E.*

Fayette—*John M. Jones*, Julius T. Curtis.
South Jefferson Colored Mission—*John D. Willis,*
North " " " Nathan Coffee.
{ Adams county Colored Mission—*John G. Jones,*
{ Washington----*John B. Bowen.*
Meadville—Charles A. McNeill.
Scotland—*Robert A. Sibley.*
Brandywine Colored Mission—Milton F. Gourley.
Bayou Pierre—*Chas. T. French*, Jerome B. Hall.
{Cayuga—*Vernon H. Johnson.*
{ " Colored Mission—Henry P. Lewis.
Rocky Springs Ct.—*William B. Johnson.*
Grand Gulf—*Benjamin Jones.*
Port Gibson and Wesley Chapel—*John A. B. Jones.*

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—*Levi Pearce, P. E.*

Vicksburg—*George H. Clinton.*
Vicksburg Colored Mission—*Robert B. Downer.*
{Warren—*George F. Thompson*, George W. Boyles.
{Warren Colored Mission—*Daniel A. J. Parker.*
{North Warren—*James H. Shelton.*
{ " " Colored Mission—*John W. Jones.*
Milldale and Colored Mission—*Jos. D. Newsom.*
{Clinton—*George D. Wade.*
{Clinton Colored Mission—*James S. Harris.*
Jackson and Mission—*Whitefield Harrington.* One to be sup.
Brandon—Joseph W. Ard.
Rankin—*William Price.*
Concord—*Burnell B. Whittington.*

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—*William P. Barton.*

Greenville—Charles Green Andrews.
Greenville Colored Mission—Humphrey C. Buck.
Bolivar—Milton S. Westfall.
Bolivar Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Black Bayou—Isaac N. Bedford.
Middle Deer Creek—*James Maclennon.*
Lower Deer Creek—Parmenas Howard, Jas. C. Taylor.
Tahela and Duncan's Plantations—Green C. Fore.
Pt. Worthington & American Bend—Jos. Carr. One to be sup

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9.—MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT NATCHEZ, MISS., *November* 21–29, 1860.

BISHOP EARLY, *President;* HENRY J. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Milton S. Westfall, Joseph Carr, Columbus W. Campbell, Ira B. Robertson, Jerome B. Hall, Thos. W. Hines, Foster Ely, Humphrey C. Buck, Michael Cox, Edwin H. Mounger, Joseph N. Ard, George W. Boyles. 12.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Philip S. Petty, Joseph A. McPherson, Auguste Gottschall, Nathan Coffee, Harvey F. Johnson, Isaac N. Bedford, Lewis Kendall, William F. Camp, Hiniard Townsend, Julius T. Curtis, Charles A. McNeill, Jacob P. Briggs, John A. Vance, James C. Taylor. 14.

Ques. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Charles G. Andrews, Nathan S. Cornell, William B. Lewis, Andrew J. Wheat, Jackson J. Millsaps, Ransom J. Jones, Jr., Robert B. Downer, Newton B. Young, Parmenas Howard, James W. Lambuth. 10.

Ques. 4. Who are reädmitted?

George J. Mortimer, Linus A. Simms, (an elder,) Kenneth A. Jones, Edwin Mortimer, John P. Richardson. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Samuel W. Speer, from Memphis Conference; Julius T. Curtis, from Holston Conference. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are the deacons of one year?

Henry P. Lewis, Green C. Fore, Wm. R. Rainey, Asbury R. Hines, George Jackson, Albert Becton, John D. Shaw, Jarrett W. McNeill, Thomas M. Ward, Edwin Mortimer, George J. Mortimer. 11.

Ques. 7. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Charles G. Andrews, Nathan S. Cornell, Andrew J. Wheat, Ransom J. Jones, Jr., Robert B. Downer, Newton B. Young, Parmenas Howard, *Henry P. Lewis, *Albert Becton, *Jarrett W. McNeill. 10.

Ques. 8. What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

George Cope, Edward M. Chambers, Asa C. Stevens, Francis A. Alford, †Eaton D. Hyde, †Wesley G. Evans, †William Hoover, †Jephthah S. Collins, †William Homes. 9.

Ques. 9. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained elders?

Richard T. Hennington, John W. Jones, John Boyes, Vernon H. Johnston, Alex. J. Smith, *William G. Millsaps, *Robert W. Lambuth, *John D. Willis, *Samuel T. Sweeney, *John W. McCrary. 10.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?

†John Watts. 1.

Ques. 11. Who have located this year?

James H. Laney, Wallace W. Graves, Franklin W. Sharbrough, Daniel McDonald, William H. Scales, Horace M. Booth. 6.

Ques. 12. Who are supernumerary?

Thomas M. Ward. 1.

Ques. 13. Who are superannuated?

Peter James, Thomas Clinton, Thomas Owens, James M. Turner, John J. E. Bird, Peter E. Green, James O. Woodward, Daniel M. Wadsworth, Lysander Wiley, Hardy Mullins, George T. Vickers, John H. Massey, John R. Lambuth, John G. Deskin. 14.

Ques. 14. What preachers have died during the past year?

Benjamin M. Drake, Lewell Campbell, George C. Light, Thomas C. Thornton. 4.

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* Elected last year.
† Elected, but not present to be ordained.

BENJAMIN M. DRAKE was born in Robertson county, N. C., September 11, 1800. In his childhood his parents removed to Muhlenburg county, Ky. They had deep experience in the things of God, and the new home was consecrated to prayer and to public worship. Here the father watched his flocks and tilled his fields, and his children were taught the fear of the Lord. The subject of this memoir does not seem to have had any definite religious conviction until 1811, when the terrible earthquake shocks which convulsed the country about New Madrid aroused him to a sense of his danger. For a season he had great mental and moral struggles. He seemed to be aroused to a sense of his need of pardoning mercy, for he felt the danger of sudden death, and trembled at the thought of meeting God without the pardon of his sin, and without the renewal of his nature. This conflict lasted, with intervals of repose and seasons of penitence and hope, until 1818, when his trusting heart received the Saviour. So clear was the sense of pardon, so full and joyous was the witness of his adoption, that he praised God aloud. Along with conversion came the call to the ministry; and the God who had called anointed him to the sacred office. He sought alone the means of acquiring an education, and was only hindered from the pursuit by ill health. He was employed by the presiding elder on Henderson Circuit in 1820, and was received on trial into the Tennessee Conference in the autumn of the same year, and appointed to Fountain Head Circuit; but before the year was completed, his health failed, and "he returned home to die." At the Conference for 1821, he was sent to Catawba Circuit, then in this Conference. In 1822, he was appointed to Attakapas and Rapides Circuit, in Western Louisiana. In 1823, he was stationed in Natchez. In 1824 and 1825, he was sent as a missionary to New Orleans. He built the first Methodist church in that city, collected the scattered flock, and gave to Methodism there its first permanent organization. In 1826, he was sent to Washington, Miss., and to Natchez in 1827. In 1827, he was married to Susan Hawkins Magruder. For four years, beginning with 1828, he was President of Elizabeth Female Academy, the first Methodist school established in the State. In 1832, he was reäppointed to New Orleans, and from that period up to the time of his death he took work annually in this Conference, going in and out before us accepted of God and approved of men. In 1854, he was elected to the presidency of Centenary College, which position he held for several months with the fullest approval of the Board of Trustees. In 1852, the Faculty and Trustees of Centenary College, in consideration of his unblemished purity of character and his eminence as a biblical scholar, conferred on him the honorary degree of D.D. From 1828, he was a member of all our General Conferences, taking active part in all the great questions deliberated upon by that body, and holding honorable rank among the first men of the Church. Thus it will be seen that for forty consecutive years he was in the full sense of the word an itinerant preacher: watered and watering others, he abounded in labor. Patient research made him familiar with great thoughts, and the completeness of his consecration to God gave a moral grandeur to his life. He was signally a man of one work, bringing to its achievement an intellect of no ordinary vigor, a courage that faltered not, a steadiness of purpose which grew fixed as his years increased, a geniality of disposition which made him companion to the gay or the sad, and a reputation upon which a shadow never fell. As a minister, he felt the vows he had taken, and the living savor which dwelt within him made him instant in season and out of season. Cheerful, meek, dignified, firm, his presence was a savor of good, and his whole life an illustration of the saving strength of grace. He cared for the churches, the children, and the poor. His disease was an affection of the heart. For some weeks he had apprehended a sudden death—had talked of it freely and frequently, and expressed no other motive for life than a desire to see his children educated, and to do the devil's kingdom a little more harm. He said to a friend a few days before his death, "I know that I shall die suddenly, but I hope not soon. Still my preparations are all made, and I am ready with or without the warning." In conversation with his wife a few moments before his death, though without any thought of a speedy departure, he said: "For forty years I have tried sincerely to serve God. I know that he will not forsake me now. Thy promises, they comfort me; and though thou slay me, yet will I trust in thee." We commend his memory to his brethren, and we commend to their prayers and their sympathy his sad and sorrowing widow and her fatherless children.

In recording the death of LEWELL CAMPBELL, we are entirely dependent on such incidents as we have heard him relate in connection with his Christian experience for his early history. From these we infer that he grew up an orphan, without any relatives within his knowledge. Of the circumstances of his awakening, conversion, and joining the Church, we are not informed. He was admitted as a travelling preacher into the Kentucky Conference in October, 1831, where he labored six years on circuits—three as junior preacher, and three as preacher in charge. The printed Minutes show that he graduated to deacon's and elder's orders in due course. At the end of his sixth year in the Kentucky Conference, he was appointed a missionary to the Republic of Texas, which was then in-

cluded in the Mississippi Conference. After spending a short time in Texas, he attended the session of our Conference, held in Grenada, Miss., December 5, 1838. Such was then the vast extent of our Conference territory, and the limited supply of preachers, that it was difficult to fill some of our most important charges. In consequence of this, Brother Campbell was withdrawn from Texas, and appointed two successive years in New Orleans. During his stay in New Orleans he was married to Miss Sybil Ruter, the accomplished daughter of that highly gifted man and minister, and first missionary to Texas, the Rev. Martin Ruter, D.D. From his first coming to our Conference, in December, 1838, his connection with us was unbroken until his death. Of the twenty-eight years of his itinerancy, he labored eight on circuits, two on stations, sixteen on districts, one as Agent for Centenary College, and the last year of his life he was on the superannuated list. He was elected a member of the Louisville Convention, and was a member of every subsequent General Conference held previous to his death. His early educational advantages were very limited; but after he entered the ministry he was a diligent and successful student to the close of his life, and became intellectually and theologically a man of great strength, and may justly be held us as an example of encouragement to all others similarly situated. Brother Campbell was scrupulously honest in his investigations and conclusions about every subject that passed in review before his mind, and was bold and independent in the expression of his settled convictions. He was constitutionally ardent and impulsive in his temperament, and sometimes, for a moment, he would yield to his impassioned nature, and give utterance to extreme opinions; but if ever he learned that he had incautiously wounded the feelings of any one, he became the more afflicted of the two, and embraced the earliest opportunity for explanation and reparation. After becoming the head of a family, he was often annoyed with the temptation that some member of his household might sicken and die during his long absence from home. This led him to seek that entire consecration to God which would enable him to commit his family fully into his hands when far away from them; and, to use his own expressive language, "I asked God to sanctify me wholly, and he did it, and since that time I have had but little anxiety about sickness and death in my family when away from home, doing my Master's work." Brother Campbell was not what we usually term a revivalist, yet he entered fully into the revival spirit; and in conducting his protracted and camp-meetings, he was judicious in selecting such ministers for the pulpit as were most successful in conducting revival exercises. As an administrative officer, he was quite above mediocrity, and the preachers of his district had the utmost confidence in his sense of justice to them, as well as the interests of the Church. His health had been precarious for years, and he was subject to violent attacks of illness. At our last Conference he reluctantly consented to be placed on the superannuated list. In the spring he travelled northward in quest of health, and was so improved that he returned flattered with the idea that he was fully restored. He felt a burning anxiety to engage once more in his appropriate work, and finding the Fayette District had been vacated by the death of its presiding elder, the Rev. B. M. Drake, he expressed a willingness to be employed in that charge, which met the approval of Bishop Kavanaugh, and he accordingly entered upon its duties. But he was mistaken as to the permanent restoration of his health. As soon as he commenced the active duties of the ministry again he began to decline, and after attending four quarterly meetings, in an attempt to reach his home, in Jackson, La., he was violently attacked on board the boat, so that by the time he reached Bayou Sara, he seemed to be unconscious; and after lingering from Tuesday until Friday night, September 21, he was permitted to enter into the rest of the redeemed from earth. In his death we have been deprived of one of our best counsellors and most influential ministers, and we mourn our loss as for a brother dead; but we know where we may find him again.

George C. Light was born in Westmoreland county, Va., February 28, 1785. In his seventh year, his father removed to Mason county, Ky., and settled where the town of Maysville now is, and remained there until January, 1799, when he removed to Clairmont county, Ohio. While in Maysville, he enjoyed the advantages of a common school. In Ohio he assisted his father in the cultivation of his farm; and, although of a gay disposition, fond of amusement and lively society, was what may be termed a moral youth. When in his seventeenth year, his sister joined the then persecuted Methodists; and when in his eighteenth year, his father joined them. In 1804, William Burke, P. E., William Patterson, and Philip Gatch, held a protracted meeting in his father's neighborhood, which was attended by the family. Young George was observed to be deeply affected, and to retire to the woods alone for some days after each service. He finally presented himself at the altar for prayer. He soon found pardon by faith in Christ, and arose rejoicing. He soon began to exercise in prayer and class-meetings, and to pray alternately in his father's family. During the same year, William Burke took him to a Quarterly Meeting, when he called upon him to exhort, then to take a text and preach.

Many conversions were the result of this meeting. Mr. Burke then gave him a letter of introduction to Jacob Young, P. E., who gave him work on Manitta Circuit, where he labored with usefulness and great acceptability. In 1805, he was employed on the Nolachucky Circuit, in Tennessee. He was admitted on trial in the Western Conference in 1806, and appointed to Clinch Circuit, and returned for the year 1807. In 1808, he was on New River Circuit. During that year he became acquainted with Ann T. Campbell, to whom he was married on the 3d of July. At the end of that Conference year he located and removed to Ohio, where he remained until 1822, laboring on the farm, teaching school, acting as surveyor, serving as a representative in the Legislature, and filling other offices of trust and honor—but never forgetting the obligations of the Christian ministry. He was ordained elder by Bishop McKendree in 1815, at Lebanon, O. In 1822, he was reädmitted into the travelling connection in the Kentucky Conference, and appointed to Limestone Circuit. In 1823 and 1824, he was stationed in Lexington; 1825, Conference Missionary; 1826–7, Louisville; 1828, Shelbyville and Brick Chapel; 1829 and 1830, Frankfort Station; 1831, Lexington Station; 1832–3, Agent for the American Colonization Society; 1834, Maysville Station. At the end of that year, he was transferred to the Missouri Conference; and, 1835, appointed to Palmyra Circuit; 1836, reäppointed to Palmyra Circuit. In 1837, he was Presiding Elder of Palmyra District; 1838, Hannibal Circuit; 1839, stationed in St. Louis; 1840, left without an appointment at his own request, with a view of winding up unsettled business in Ohio and Kentucky; 1841, he acted as Agent for the Colonization Society. In the autumn of that year he was transferred to the Kentucky Conference, and stationed in Covington, 1842 and 1843; in 1844, Maysville. He was transferred again to the Missouri Conference; and, in 1845, was stationed in Booneville; in 1846, Palmyra District; 1847, Hydesburg Circuit; 1848–9, Hannibal Station. In the autumn of 1849, he obtained a superannuated relation, and came to Mississippi, hoping to find the climate such as to benefit himself, and relieve him of rheumatism. He was employed to fill Woodville Station, in 1850. At the close of that year, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, and filled Woodville Station in 1851; 1852–3, Vicksburg Station; 1854, Canton and Pearl River; 1855, Canton Station; 1856–7, Sharon Circuit; 1858–9, Lexington and Richland. At the Conference in Nov., 1859, he was granted a superannuated relation. On the fourth Sabbath in February, 1860, he preached in Canton, from Isaiah iii. 10, 11. The following day, February 27, he went to Vicksburg, in company with Dr. W. F. Camp. In conversation on the way, he was cheerful and interesting, and gave expositions of passages of Scripture, viz.: "Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness," etc. Isa. li. 1. "I have seen an end of all perfection, but thy commandment is exceeding broad." Ps. cxix. 96. "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart." 1 Chron. xxviii. 9. He then remarked that "if he had to see the next day, he would be seventy-five years of age; and, so far as he was concerned, if the world were put up at auction, he would not be a high bidder." He slept quietly that night. After dressing the next morning, he requested Brother Camp to read the first chapter of Colossians, upon which he commented for an hour. After prayer, he asked the same brother to read the fifth chapter of 2 Corinthians, and commented upon it for some time. He spent most of the day in visiting and conversing with old friends. He reached the Rev. C. K. Marshall's about four P. M., and remarked, "I am almost dead." He was assisted in; and after being seated, and taking a stimulant, felt somewhat revived, and commenced conversation with Brother Marshall in his usual cheerful manner; but in a few moments his head fell back on the chair, and, without a groan or struggle, his spirit passed away to God. Brother Light was an able, energetic, useful, and successful minister of the New Testament. Many were the seals to his ministry; great was his usefulness in the Church. But he has passed from us to the better company—the Church triumphant. Most of his family had gone before him. His aged widow still lingers behind, looking forward to a reünion in heaven. Two children—one a member of the Texas Conference—remain also.

Thomas C. Thornton, D.D., was the son of Dr. Thomas Thornton, and was born in Dumfries, Prince William county, Va., October 12, 1794. His grandfather, Thomas Thornton, acted as surgeon in the British navy for several years, but afterwards entered the ministry of the Established Church of England. He came to America previous to the Revolutionary War, and in that struggle was the firm friend of Washington and the cause of American independence—selling all his plate to the last spoon, and his stock to the last cow, and giving the money to the commander to help defray the expenses of his suffering soldiers, urging them to fight for their liberties, and not falter. Brother Thornton graduated at an institution in his native town, under the Rev. Charles O'Neil, in his sixteenth year. He then began the study of medicine. But soon the Rev. Richard Tydings began to preach in the town, and young Thornton in a short time became serious and anxious for his soul's salvation. His father was a High-Church Episcopalian, and discouraged his course. He

joined the Church; and soon after, taking a few clothes in a handkerchief, he walked to a camp-meeting some forty miles off, and there found God merciful and gracious, July 31, 1810. His soul was filled with the love of God. As he left the ground, a friend said, "My young brother, when in trouble, or difficulty, or temptation, resort to prayer: never forget that." This he found to be of great service to him before he reached home. He knew his father would be angry, and perhaps violent. He was tempted to say nothing of his conversion at home, but to be religious secretly. Under this temptation, he felt discouraged and gloomy. He resorted to prayer, and found God was with him, and gave him courage to confess all that had been done, and strength for the trial which awaited him. His father was so enraged at his joining the Church and professing to know God had pardoned his sins and given him a new heart, that he gave him a severe correction, and demanded an immediate renunciation of his religion and Church relation. This he refused. His father then determined to send him away as a common sailor, and made all the necessary arrangements. The day was appointed when he was to leave all that was dear of earth, and go he knew not whither on the wide ocean. The night previous to the morning for his departure he spent in prayer for the conversion of his father. About four o'clock A.M. his father called him. He found him in tears and great distress. "O, Tommy," he said, "I have done you great wrong, and intended doing you great injustice in sending you away. Tommy, won't you forgive me?" "With all my heart, father," he replied. "Tommy, won't you pray for me?" "With all my heart, father." That day he was converted. Tommy said he must be a preacher. His father opposed, and insisted on his reading medicine. But he said he must and would preach. "Then," said his father, "if you will preach, go to the farm and select a horse, get a saddle and saddle-bags, and go." This he did, and the next day he rode with Richard Tydings thirteen miles to a church near Stafford Court-House, and preached his first sermon to an astonished people, from the text, "Ye must be born again." He was then in his sixteenth or seventeenth year. He continued on the circuit the remainder of the year. Being persuaded that on account of his youth the Conference would not receive him, he engaged in teaching until in his nineteenth year, preaching as opportunities offered. In March, 1813, he was admitted on trial in the Baltimore Conference, and appointed to Winchester Circuit; in 1814 and 1815 to Prince George's Circuit. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Asbury, 24th March, 1815, at Baltimore. In 1816, he was sent to Stafford and Fredericksburg. He was ordained Elder by Bishop McKendree, 16th March, 1817, at Baltimore. In 1817, he was appointed to Severn Circuit; 1818, Lancaster; 1819, Lancaster and Westmoreland; 1820 and 1821, Fredericksburg Station. In March, 1822, he located, to wind up the business of his father's estate. In 1823, he took charge of the Menokin Academy in Virginia, where he remained until called to take charge of a Collegiate Institute in Northumberland, Va., where he remained until 1831, when his health forced him to seek a more active life on a farm. His health being restored, he reëntered the Baltimore Conference, March, 1833, and was appointed to Prince William Circuit; 1834 and 1835, Baltimore City; 1836, 1837, Agent for Dickerson College; 1838, 1839, Carlisle Station, and Teacher in Dickinson College; 1840, 1841, Foundry Chapel, Washington City. In 1841, he was elected President of Centenary College, and in the autumn of the year came to Mississippi Conference. He was President of Old Centenary College, 1842, 1843, and 1844. He asked to be transferred to the Alabama Conference at the Conference of 1844, but, through the prejudice gotten up against him, he was located without his consent. This irritated him; and feeling assured of the determination of certain men to persecute him as long as he remained in the Methodist Church, he gave up his credentials, June 6, 1845, to the Rev. J. N. Hamil, and withdrew from the Church. Soon after this, he united with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and became connected with a college in Jackson, Miss., where he taught for some years. He next was connected with a college in Brandon, Miss., for some years. While in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he exercised as a preacher, but did not take orders in that Church, because he could not subscribe to their doctrine of apostolical succession. In 1850, he returned to the M. E. Church, South, and at the Conference held in Yazoo City, Dec., 1850, his credentials were restored to him. In 1851, he was elected President of Madison College, which office he filled until his labors and sufferings ceased, on the 22d March, 1860. In November, 1853, he was readmitted into this Conference. In 1854, he was on a mission to the colored people in connection with his labors in the College. He had regular pastoral work seventeen years; was College agent two years; was connected with institutions of learning thirty years—in eight different institutions—in all of which he was successful and popular as a teacher. As a professor or instructor, he stood preëminent. As a minister of the New Testament, he was a workman that needed not to be ashamed, as he gave to each his portion in season, and brought forth from his vast treasury things new and old, and thousands were converted to God under his ministry. As an expounder of the Scriptures, but few equalled him—perhaps none in this country excelled him.

While in Baltimore, he wrote his "Theological Colloquies;" and when stationed in Washington City, at the solicitations of distinguished gentlemen, he wrote and published his "Slavery as it is in the United States," in reply to Dr. Channing. His end was peaceful and triumphant. On the afternoon of the day of his death, feeling that his departure was at hand, he called together his family, and after giving them instructions as to what he wished done, and bidding them farewell, he repeated the 23d Psalm, pronounced the *Gloria Patri* and the Benediction. He said, "If I die to-night, I shall have the victory.

'I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me.'

Let a gust of praise go to the ends of the earth, for a sinner saved by grace. If it be the will of the Lord, I would like to live for the benefit of those around me, especially my family, the College, and the China Mission. But the will of the Lord be done." Turning to his weeping wife, he said, "Cheer up, cheer up, my dear; the storm is heavy, but Jesus is at the helm." He expressed gratitude to his kind physician for his unremitting attention, and to the servants for their kindness. He met death with the firmness of a Christian philosopher, and realized the saving power of that gospel which he had for nearly half a century preached to others.

Ques. 15. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed; except James J. Early, who was expelled.

Ques. 16. What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Natchez District.

	White Mem's.	White Prob's.	Col'd Mem's.	Col'd Prob's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Natchez Station	310	.....	430	20	3
Kingston	22	.....	230	40	.....
Woodville	104	33	163	34	.....
Woodville Col'd Miss.*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Percy's Creek	143	21	526	21	.....
Bayou Sara	28	.....	21	26	.....
Laurel Hill & Barrow's Chapel	14	19	12	15	.....
Wilkinson	177	80	14	42	2
Wilkinson Col'd Miss...	.....	.....	272	148	.....
Buffalo Circuit	125	145	111	100	2
Homochitto Colored Mission, (no report)...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meadville	266	166	321	.....	5
	1189	464	2100	446	12

* Included in Wilkinson Colored Mission.

Fayette District.

	White Mem's.	White Prob's.	Col'd Mem's.	Col'd Prob's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayette Circuit	336	120	22	40	4
South Jefferson Colored Mission	.....	.....	717	570	.....
North Jefferson Colored Mission	.....	.....	192	199	.....
Washington	51	7	221	69	.....
Adams Col'd Mission...	.....	.....	18	92	.....
Scotland	360	120	25	80	2
Bayou Pierre	350	142	327	56	8
Cayuga	350	25	52	45	4
Cayuga Col'd Mission, (no report)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Springs	77	82	319	28	.....
Grand Gulf and Col'd Mission	25	3	20	6	.....
Port Gibson	64	42	40	23	.....
Wesley Chapel and Colored Charge	6	1	60	14	.....
	1619	542	2013	1222	18

Vicksburg District.

Vicksburg Station	280	25	269	82	3
Warren Circuit	246	67	.....	.....	1
Warren Col'd Mission..	.....	.....	143	.....	.....
North Warren	150	70	60	6	.....
Milldale and Colored Mission	20	20	75	20	.....
Clinton	232	16	158	13	.....
Clinton Col'd Mission...	.....	.....	259	37	2
Raymond and Spring Ridge	160	24	220	30	.....
Jackson Station	137	15	240	50	.....
Brandon Circuit	391	142	99	124	11
Concord Circuit	334	93	100	141	5
	1950	472	1623	503	22

Greenville District.

Greenville Station	52	10	.....	.....	.....
Greenville Col'd Miss...	.....	.....	186	21	.....
Bolivar and Col'd Miss.	20	8	113	24	.....
Upper Deer Creek	2	.....	127	21	.....
Middle Deer Creek	5	.....	91	.....	.....
Lower Deer Creek	29	.....	311	48	1
Tallula	8	.....	109	47	.....
Duncan's Plantations...	.....	.....	250	.....	.....
Hampton's Plantations (no report)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Worthington and American Bend	27	2	99	48	.....
Sunflower	18	38	49	57	1
	161	58	1335	266	2

Yazoo District.

Yazoo City	81	17	80	.....	1
Yazoo Colored Mission.	.....	.....	75	25	.....
Silver Creek Mission...	.....	.....	30	113	.....
Mount Olivet	258	61	150	1	2
Valley Col'd Mission....	.....	.....	160	10	.....
Big Black Col'd Miss...	.....	.....	450	52	.....
Yazoo Circuit and Colored Mission	131	24	181	25	3
Ebenezer	177	71	259	.....	2
Richland & Lexington.	114	23	110	86	.....
Holmes	158	58	108	32	.....
Honey Island Col. Miss.	.....	.....	377	13	.....
Black Hawk	389	68	.....	.....	6
Carrolton	241	65	150	25	3
Carrol Col'd Mission, (no report)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood and Tallahatchie	40	2	92	63	.....
Sidon	7	1	40	14	1
	1596	390	2262	459	18

Starkville District.

	White Mem's.	White Prob's.	Col'd Mem's.	Col'd Prob's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Starkville and Pierce Chapel	92	35	118	50	.....
Octibbeha Circuit	150	25	50	.....	2
Octibbeha Col'd Miss.	.....	.....	158	56	.....
Greensboro'	222	166	.....	.....	5
Middleton	429	96	232	.....	.....
Bankston	160	85	36	25	.....
Attala	528	94	116	.....	.....
Double Springs	426	78	7	3	.....
Louisville	210	45	46	3	3
Webster	276	7	75	.....	7
	2493	631	838	137	17

Sharon District.

Sharon and Thornton Chapel	101	12	151	20	.....
Madisonville	44	24	109	65	1
Canton & Pearl River	151	6	80	24	2
Vernon and Col'd Miss.	27	3	62	34	.....
Livingston and Colored Mission	20	1	50	48	1
Robinson's Plantations	.....	.....	138	60	.....
Camden	200	25	166	17	4
McWillie's Mission	.....	.....	110	7	.....
Carthage and Lobutcha Mission	315	50	60	.....	.....
Philadelphia	387	194	56	114	9
Decatur	369	53	32	.....	4
Hillsboro'	247	101	11	26	6
	1861	469	1025	415	27

Biloxi District.

Biloxi	47	10	16	.....	1
Handsboro' and Point Christian	42	7	.....	.....	.....
Gainsville	63	25	33	73	.....
Columbia	97	36	52	55	1
Westville	273	61	97	8	4
Raleigh	265	103	61	15	.....
Paulding & Col'd Miss.	230	98	79	80	2
Garlandsville and Colored Charge	161	31	53	101	2
Ellisville Mission	65	.....	3	.....	2
Augusta Mission	93	17	11	2	1
Flint Creek Mission	137	92	6	21	1
	1473	480	411	355	14

Brookhaven District.

Brookhaven Circuit	221	.....	31	55	7
Holmesville and Colored Mission	201	62	59	63	4
N. O. I. & G. N. Railroad German Mission	15	4	.....	.....	.....
Amite	222	75	30	65	3
St. Helena	195	77	.....	.....	1
St. Helena Col'd Miss.	.....	.....	155	170	.....
Covington	112	2	75	.....	.....
Franklinton	198	22	58	21	3
Bogue Chitto Mission	230	15	.....	.....	.....
Pearl River Circuit	236	69	50	27	3
Georgetown Circuit	542	250	80	174	9
	2172	576	538	575	30

Clinton District.

Clinton Station	80	6	200	60	2
East Feliciana and Colored Mission	213	87	150	150	5
Port Hudson & Plains	75	25	60	50	.....
Jackson, (La.)	150	94	76	90	3
Thompson's Creek Colored Mission	.....	.....	86	56	.....
E. Baton Rouge Circuit	137	34	86	42	5
Livingston	190	70	49	11	5
Ponchatoula	81	12	12	8	.....
Greensburg	151	119	.....	.....	5
	1077	447	539	467	25

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	White Prob's.	Col'd Mem's.	Col'd Prob's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Natchez District	1189	464	2100	446	12
Fayette "	1619	542	2013	1222	18
Vicksburg "	1950	472	1623	503	22
Greenville "	161	58	1335	266	2
Yazoo "	1596	390	2262	459	18
Starkville "	2493	631	838	137	17
Sharon "	1861	469	1025	415	27
Biloxi "	1473	480	411	355	14
Brookhaven "	2172	576	538	575	30
Clinton "	1077	447	539	467	25
Total this year	15,591	4529	12,684	4845	185
Total last year	14,347	4048	11,098	4106	179
Increase	1244	481	1676	739	6

Ques. 17. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits, and stations?

$5170.

Ques. 18. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Collected, $3965 15
Applied to superannuated preachers, etc.

Ques. 19. What has been contributed for the Missionary, Sunday-school, and Tract Societies?

For Missions, $7745 55
For Sunday-schools, 596 40

Ques. 20. Where and when shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Canton, Miss.

Ques. 21. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NATCHEZ DISTRICT.

Wm. B. Hines, P. E.

Natchez, *William H. Watkins.*
Kingston, Nathan S. Cornell.
Buffalo, *William Finn.*
Woodville, *William G. Millsaps.*
Woodville Colored Mission, *Andrew Day.*
Wilkinson, *James L. Forsyth.*
Wilkinson Colored Mission, Philip S. Petty.
Fort Adams and Colored Mission, Joseph A. McPherson.
Percy's Creek, Andrew J. Wheat.
Pinckneyville and Tunica, *John J. Clark.*
Laurel Hill, *John J. Wheat.*
Bayou Sara, *Samuel T. Sweeney.*
Financial Agent, *Richard Abbey.*

FAYETTE DISTRICT.

John Lusk, P. E.

Fayette, *John M. Jones*, Julius T. Curtis.
South Jefferson Colored Mission, *John D. Willis.*
North Jefferson Colored Mission, Nathan Coffee.
Adams County Colored Mission, *John G. Jones.*
Washington, *John B. Bowen.*
Meadville, Charles A. McNeil.
Scotland, *Robert A. Sibley.*
Brandywine, Milton F. Gourley.
Bayou Pierre, *Charles T. French*, Jerome B. Hall.
Cayuga, *Vernon H. Johnston.*
Cayuga Colored Mission, Henry P. Lewis.
Rocky Springs, *William B. Johnson.*
Grand Gulf, *Benjamin Jones.*
Port Gibson, *John A. B. Jones.*

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

Levi Pearce, P. E.

Vicksburg, *George H. Clinton.*
Vicksburg Colored Mission, Robert B. Downer.
Warren, *George F. Thompson*, George W. Boyles.
Warren Colored Mission, *Daniel A. J. Parker.*
North Warren, *James H. Shelton.*
North Warren Colored Mission, *John W. Jones.*
Milldale and Colored Mission, *Joseph D. Newson.*
Clinton, *George D. Wade.*
Clinton Colored Mission, *James S. Harris.*
Raymond and Spring Ridge, *Hervey F. Johnson*, one to be supplied.
Jackson and Colored Mission, *Whitefield Harrington.*
Brandon, Joseph W. Ard.
Rankin, *William Price.*
Concord, *Burwell B. Whittington.*
Church Evangelist, *Chas. K. Marshall*, Agent.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

William P. Barton, P. E.

Greenville, Charles G. Andrews.
Greenville Colored Mission, Humphrey C. Buck.
Bolivar, Milton S. Westfall.
Bolivar Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Upper Deer Creek, Ira B. Robertson.
Black Bayou, Isaac N. Bedford.
Middle Deer Creek, *James McClennan.*
Lower Deer Creek, Parmenas Howard, James C. Taylor.
Tallula and Duncan's Plantations, Green C. Fore.
Point Worthington and American Bend, Joseph Carr, one to be supplied.
Sunflower, *James Y. Griffing.*

YAZOO DISTRICT.

David M. Wiggins, P. E.

Yazoo City, *John W. McCrary.*
Yazoo Colored Mission, Jacob P. Briggs.
Silver Creek, Albert Becton.
Yazoo Circuit, *Francis M. Featherston.*
Mount Olivet, *Robert W. Lambuth.*
Big Black Colored Mission, Thomas W. Hines.
Ebenezer, *Thomas C. Parish.*
Honey Island Colored Mission, *Humphrey Williamson.*
Richland and Lexington, *John D. Richardson.*
Holmes, Thomas C. Rayner.
Black Hawk, *Alexander J. Smith.*
Carrolton, to be supplied.
Greenwood and Tallahatchie, Lewis Kendall.
Roebuck and Sidon, Hiniard Townsend.

STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

William Wadsworth, P. E.

Starkville and Pierce Chapel, Ransom J. Jones, Jr.
Octibbeha, *Thomas W. Castles.*
Greensboro', to be supplied.
Middleton, Asbury R. Hines.
Bankston, *James G. Carlisle.*
Attala, *Wiley P. Dickinson.*
Double Springs, to be supplied.
Louisville, George Jackson.
Webster, William R. Rainey.

SHARON DISTRICT.

James Walton, P. E.

Sharon and Thornton Chapel, *Samuel W. Speer.*
Madisonville and Union, *John W. Adams.*
Canton, William F. Camp.
Vernon and Colored Mission, *Wm. M. Curtiss.*
Livingston, Pearl River and Colored Mission, *Henderson H. Montgomery.*
Camden, *Lorenzo Ercanbrack.*
Carthage, *Henry D. Berry.*
Philadelphia, Edwin H. Mounger.
Decatur, Columbus W. Campbell.
Hillsboro', *Harvey Copeland.*
Missionary to China, *James W. Lambuth.*

BILOXI DISTRICT.

Ransom J. Jones, Sen., P. E.

Biloxi and Handsboro', John J. Millsaps.
Gainesville Mission, Jarrot W. McNeil.
Columbia, John A. Vance.
Westville, Kenneth A. Jones.
Raleigh, A. B. Nicholson.
Paulding, George J. Mortimer.
Garlandsville, Newton B. Young.
Augusta, to be supplied.
Flint Creek Mission, Michael Cox.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Thomas Price, P. E.

Brookhaven, to be supplied.
Monticello, Edwin Mortimer.
{ Holmesville and Colored Mission, *Henry J. Harris*, Foster Ely.
{ German Mission, Auguste Gotshall.
Amite, *Elisha F. Mullins.*
{ St. Helena, William B. Lewis.
{ St. Helena Colored Mission, to be supplied.
{ Covington Mission, *James English.*
{ West Pearl, John D. Shaw.
Pearl River, *David W. Dillehay.*
Georgetown, *Richard T. Hennington*, one to be supplied.
Franklinton, *Lewis A. Simms.*

CLINTON DISTRICT.

Barnabas Pipkin, P. E.

Clinton, La., *James A. Godfrey.*
East Feliciana, *Joseph Nicholson, T. W. Brown.*
East Feliciana Colored Mission, *John B. Higginbotham.*
Port Hudson and Colored Mission, *Christopher R. Godfrey.*
Jackson, La., *Joseph M. Pugh.*
Thompson's Creek Colored Mission, to be supplied.
East Baton Rouge, *Erastus R. Strickland.*
Livingston Mission, *Allen Castles.*
Ponchatoula, John Boyes.
Greensburg, Ephraim A. Flowers.
Centenary College, *John C. Miller*, President; J. J. Wheat, Professor of Greek.

10.—LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BATON ROUGE, *December* 5–11, 1860.

BISHOP EARLY, *President;* LINUS PARKER, *Secretary.*

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Henry O. White, John C. Foulk, Alanson W. Moore. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Baxter Clegg, John W. Hearn, William F. Alexander, Thomas B. Baldwin. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

August Arnold, William McBeath, Henry B. Frazee. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are reädmitted?

Frederick White, John S. Davis, William H. Scales. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Philip L. Henderson, from Tennessee Conference; John F. DeWitt, from Louisville Conference; William C. Young, from Wachita Conference; Wade H. Frost, from Memphis Conference. 4.

Ques. 6. Who are the deacons of one year?

Robert T. Parish, John F. Wynn, Whitmel P. Kimbal, William D. Stayton, Jas. T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, Thos. J. Upton, John H. Boult, Dabney P. Cullen. 9.

Ques. 7. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

August Arnold, Wm. McBeath, Henry B. Frazee. 3.

Ques. 8. What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

*John W. Chevis, John F. Bellamy, *Robert T. Williams, Thomas L. Foster, Charles B. Stuart, Jacob Kile, Stephen Trigarthan. 7.

Ques. 9. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained elders?

Jephthah Landrum, Charles W. Coursey, Jas. E. Bradley, Frederick W. Traeger. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?

* Elected but not ordained, not being present.